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## **ABSTRACT**

A novel polymer is obtained by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylic acid derivative with a vinyl ether compound, an allyl ether compound and an oxygen-containing alicyclic olefin compound. A resist composition comprising the polymer as a base resin is sensitive to high-energy radiation, has excellent sensitivity, resolution, etching resistance, and minimized swell and lends itself to micropatterning with electron beams or deep-UV.